

GMAT Meeting XXIII Meeting Minutes
St. Croix Crossing Growth Management Advisory Team
March 16 @ 9:30 a.m.
Conference Call

Call the meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Susan Snyder, WDNR

Updates & Check-ins

DOTs - Beth Cunningham informed the group that the preconstruction conference for the paving contract will be held the first part of April. Trees for fence line are being cut and with the pre-construction starting, concrete activity will begin again this summer. The DOTs are continuing to work on design of the loop path and bike trail. WisDOT is working with St. Croix County, and will be meeting with members in Stillwater.

Beth also wanted to inform the group that the schedules for the public paddleboat tours are out.

Basin Team

Jerry Spetzman wanted to remind GMAT members that the St. Croix Summit will be held on March 22 & 23, 2016. This is a two day summit with 15 breakout sessions, which will include habitats and prairies as well as water quality.

St Croix County

Ellen Denzer informed the group that the work on updating ordinances has started. St. Croix County has hired a legal firm to work on ordinance updates that are straight forward. The funding agreement has been signed, and St. Croix County can now work on other projects.

Amanda Engesether reported on the progress of the Bike and Pedestrian Trail project. The advisory team has been meeting with the transportation committee and the community development committee on policy statements, guidelines, and program recommendations. These will be fine-tuned before any open houses are done. Updates of the progress of the bike and pedestrian trail are available on the St. Croix County website.

UW-River Falls - Danielle Campeau was unable to attend the meeting. No updates provided.

Town of St. Joseph

Tom Spaniol informed GMAT members that the Town will be vacating the balance of \$2,396.50 which is the remainder of the funds allocated for the St. Croix Crossing Coordinator's position. A letter and check will be sent to Ellen Denzer at St. Croix County.

The Town's comprehensive plan is moving forward. So far, they have expended 60 percent of their funding. The Town has received notification of their award for the Non-point Source

Grant. The funding agreement paperwork for the MS4 project has been signed and work will begin soon.

Tom informed the members that the Town will have a proposal to submit for the next GMAT meeting. The proposal will be for an update of the Town's road plate within the Town's ordinance. This update will allow them to apply for the TAP grant. The Town still holds about \$3,000 of their bike and pedestrian plan funds. The Town will hold these funds in reserve to be used then the County moves forward with the trail plan. If bike routes come through the Town, these funds will be used to amend the current plan to incorporate these routes.

The Town's Facility Management plan is progressing. About a third of their funds have been used.

Corridor Communities Coalition

Larry Rauch informed GMAT that the recent Stormwater Coalition meeting requested results which have not been submitted. He hopes to have all reporting available for their next meeting.

WDNR

The annual report will be completed in May. Submission of the report will be June 1, 2016. Susan will be sending out the appropriate funds tracking spreadsheets. Take time to review these spreadsheets and let her know if there are changes needing to be made. Once the report is finished and has been reviewed and submitted, a copy will be provided to St. Croix County to place on their website, along with the previously submitted reports.

Tom Spaniol asked if a spreadsheet/ledger which shows invoice and payment dates would be sufficient for project reporting. The answer is yes, this format of the information will be acceptable for the annual report.

Due to the delay in bridge construction, Dan Baumann will submit a request to extend the timeframe for mitigation funds allocation and expenditures.

Discussion of proposed projects – No projects were submitted for review by GMAT members for this meeting.

Recommendations of GMAT members – No proposals were submitted for review and recommendation.

Next Meeting Date – The next GMAT meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in room 200C of the UW-River Falls Hudson Center located at: 2501 Hanley Road, Suite 200 Hudson, WI 54016.

Present

Tom Spaniol, Town of St. Joseph
Jerry Spetzman, Basin Team
Beth Cunningham, WisDOT
Larry Rauch, Town of Somerset/Hwy 64
Ellen Denzer, St., Croix County EDC

Amanda Engesether
Bill Rubin
Susan Snyder
Jim Erkel